

GROUND-HOG VS. GRIP.

LAMENTABLE FAILURE OF A TRUSTED PROPHECY.

He Will Probably Never Pose as Such Again—Four Weeks of February Have Knocked Him Out—Resume of Last Month's Weather.

As a weather prophet, the Honorable ground-hog is a failure. He has mispredicted so completely this year that his shadow will doubtless grow long and thin, and when St. Valentine will have gone into his hole, the ground-hog will have retired into his hole in a century's cogitation upon the vanity of ambition and the blighting of aspirations.

When, with a great flourish, it was announced that the ground-hog would predict weather for the next six weeks, a reporter of THE TIMES determined to watch the burrower and compare predictions with results. It rained Saturday, February 1, and all week, so that the shadow of the clouds was the only one cast.

Early in the morning of the hibernian place, stepped upon the surface of the earth, heeked himself three or four times, and began to stroll leisurely about the place. He was dressed in his winter suit, and he had a heavy shawl or cape over his shoulders. He was not at all conspicuous; but not a shadow appeared. Going back to the entrance to his hole, he began to dig with his paws. He was not at all conspicuous; but not a shadow appeared. Going back to the entrance to his hole, he began to dig with his paws. He was not at all conspicuous; but not a shadow appeared.

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MANCHESTER MATTERS.

The City Council—A Large Matter at the City Council—An adjourned meeting of the Manchester City Council was held last night. It was called to consider certain ordinances and the proposition about Johnson & Co's. foundry. Present: Messrs. B. W. Weidner, John O'Brien, H. J. Bradley, W. T. Hart, and Robert Harris.

The clerk read a letter from the City School Board, requesting that the City Council should consider the proposition of Johnson & Co's. foundry. Present: Messrs. B. W. Weidner, John O'Brien, H. J. Bradley, W. T. Hart, and Robert Harris.

A communication was received from Mr. John C. Robertson, general manager of the City of Manchester, requesting that the City Council should consider the proposition of Johnson & Co's. foundry. Present: Messrs. B. W. Weidner, John O'Brien, H. J. Bradley, W. T. Hart, and Robert Harris.

Another resolution was adopted authorizing the City Council to consider the proposition of Johnson & Co's. foundry. Present: Messrs. B. W. Weidner, John O'Brien, H. J. Bradley, W. T. Hart, and Robert Harris.

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FISHING AND BOATING.

THE SEASON SOON TO BEGIN ON THE JAMES.

Where You Can Angle and What You Can Catch—The Virginia Boat Club—Richmond Athletic Association's Base-Ball Park.

Easter Monday is the day generally observed by all lovers of fishing to open the season. It is the day when the small boys hunt up his last year's tackle, dig his worms from the ash barrel in the back yard, and proceeds to May's Island, early in the morning.

The season this year will commence sooner than usual if the weather continues at the temperature it has been at the past week, and in about two weeks the river will be dotted with row boats, the occupants trying their luck.

Mr. H. H. Downing, of Warren, in an earnest speech favored the nomination of Mr. R. A. James, of Danville, also favored Mr. Williams.

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DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Nominations Made for Two Judgeships of the State.

The last Democratic caucus of the present session of the General Assembly was held last night in the hall of the House of Delegates. It was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, and lasted about two hours.

Delegate John F. Ryan, of Loudoun, was elected chairman, and Senator William L. Johnston, of Loudoun, was elected secretary. The candidates were Judge D. W. Bolen, member of the House from Caroline, and Mr. Samuel W. Williams, of Loudoun.

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A CAPITAL SENSATION.

AN EX-CONGRESSMAN SHOT BY A NEWSPAPER MAN.

Details of the Affair—Congressman Incensed Against Press Representatives on Account of It—Proceedings of Both Houses of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—[Special.]—The shooting of ex-Congressman Taubee, of Kentucky, by Charles E. Kincaid, Washington correspondent of the Louisville Times, Kincaid is a man of slight stature and of nervous temperament. He came to Washington some ten years ago, at the request of General Grant, then then secretary of the House of Representatives.

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